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SUBJECT:

Activation of Special Distribution Unit, Central

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1. Supplementing instructions contained in CIG Administrative issued 30 September 1946, CIG activities are advised as follows:

- The Special Distribution Unit, Central (a) Records Section, has been activated and is located in Room 303, South Building, 2430 E Street, N. W.
- (b) The function of this unit is the handling of all Top Secret material received or dispatched by CIG, and it is essential that all such material be processed and controlled by this unit, except as provided in the Top Secret Control Procedure as contained in the CIG Security Regulations.

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SUBJECT: Use of CIG Inter-Office Chain Envelope

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b. Stocking of Inter-Office Chain Envelopes

Each Office Message Center, and designated pick-up and delivery points within Offices which are located in buildings separated from the Office Message Center, will be supplied by Central Records with the number of inter-office chain envelopes needed to begin operation. Requests for such envelopes and the number needed should be referred to on extension 719 or 720 before Friday, 27 June 1947.

c. Delivery of Mail to Office Message Center

All mail delivered to an Office Message Center by CIG Regular Couriers will be contained in CIG inter-office chain envelopes. The responsible individual in the Office Message Center will detach the receipt (CIG Form 35-16) from the inter-office chain envelope, acknowledge receipt by signing Form 35-16, and give signed receipt to the Courier.

2. DISPATCHING OF CIG DOCUMENTS IN INTER-OFFICE CHAIN ENVELOPES

a. Additional Wrapping Not Necessary

The Office Message Center will dispatch by Courier all outgoing inter-office mail (and that intra-office mail which is destined for a segment of an office housed in a separate building) in CIG inter-office chain envelopes without additional wrapping. A separate

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inter-office chain envelope will be prepared for each Office Message Center to which materials are being sent.

b. Preparation of Face of Envelope

It is essential that the columns appearing on the inter-office chain envelope be filled in completely, and that the office designation always be indicated. If it is the desire of the sender to dispatch the document to a specific individual, the individual's name may be noted in parentheses after the office designation; for example:

FROM: OCD TO: ORE (Attn: Mr. Blank)

In all instances, room number, when known, and building will be 'indicated in the proper column. The CIG inter-office chain envelope will not be thrown away until all spaces have been used, or until the envelope is completely worn out. If an Office Message Center accumulates a stock of envelopes which exceeds its needs, the surplus will be returned to the Courier serving the Office.

c. Mail Transmitted Outside CIG

Mail to be transmitted outside CIG will be prepared at the Office Message Center for ultimate transmittal. This will include packaging in the manner prescribed by the Security Regulations (e.g., double envelopes when the security classification is SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL), and will also include preparation of appropriate transmittal instructions (e.g., postage slip Form 35-11 or courier receipt). The outgoing log number assigned the mail by the Office Message Center will be placed in the upper left hand corner of the transmittal envelope. The Central Files copy of the correspondence will be clipped to the back of the envelope. This mail will then be transmitted to the Central Mail Room in an inter-office chain envelope addressed to the Central Mail Room for dispatch outside of CIG through appropriate Courier or mail channels.

d. Transmitting CONFIDENTIAL or SECRET Documents

The CIG inter-office chain envelope, when used to transmit CONFIDENTIAL or SECRET documents, will be sealed with one CIG gummed label and the initial of the sealer will be entered in an appropriate place on the seal. These seals may also be obtained from Under no circumstances should scotch tape be used to seal the inter-office chain envelope.

e. Transmitting Unclassified or Restricted Documents

The CIG inter-office chain envelope, when used to transmit only unclassified or Restricted material, need not be sealed in any manner, but the envelope flap should be pushed incide.

f. Inter-Office Chain Envelope Numbering System

Each Office Message Center and each designated pick-up and delivery point within an office will initiate its own numbering series for the inter-office chain envelopes. This number will consist of the month expressed in number and the next unused consecutive number; e. g., if the first envelope is dispatched in June, the number would be 6-1; if the tenth envelope is dispatched in July, the number would be 7-10. Since the second number is the identifying envelope number, it would continue in numerical sequence until the end of the calendar year. Thus, if 320 envelopes have been dispatched as of December 31, the last one would be numbered 12-320. At the beginning of the next calendar year, a new series would be initiated, the first envelope in January of the next year being numbered 1-1. This office envelope number will be placed in the office of dispatch column, before the name in the "From" column. The number appearing on the envelope will also appear on the receipt attached to the envelope. Receipts for the envelope will then be prepared in CIG receipt book (CIG Form 35-16) in duplicate. Form 35-16 is in triplicate; however, only two copies are to be used and colors may be disregarded. The original copy of the receipt will be stapled to the envelope. The Office will retain the carbon copy of the receipt. This copy will be signed by the Courier who picks up the document. The number appearing on the receipt and the inter-office chain envelope will be noted in the office log opposite the individual papers transmitted in the inter-office chain envelope. This will provide a record of the documents in any one envelope.

g. Bulky Documents (Classified)

Classified documents which, because of bulk, cannot be put in the inter-office chain envelope, will be wrapped in a satisfactory manner, taped with CIG gummed seals, and forwarded in exactly the same manner as an inter-office chain envelope.

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within the office which are located in the same building as the office Message Center. Pick-up and delivery from parts of offices located in different buildings will be made by Courier as indicated in paragraph 2a above.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive for Administration & Management

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: Chain Envelopes

Pursuant to orders of Executive for Inspection and Security, Inspection Division, accompanied by Mr. Management Branch, made an investigation of the chain envelope system used in transmitting papers within CIA.

2. It was found that the system in use is a secure and efficient means of transmitting documents.

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3. Any difficulties that occur are caused by a disregard of current instructions (Administrative Instruction and CIA Security rent instructions (Administrative Instruction and CIA Security Regulations) by personnel throughout the agency. Such deficiencies include improper and incomplete names and addresses, failure to remove all papers from envelopes by recipients, use of plain manila or U.S. Government Messenger Service envelopes in lieu of standard CIA chain envelopes, use of scotch tape for sealing chain envelopes containing Secret and Confidential material rather than CIA gummed labels and diversion of CIA chain envelopes to uses other than intra-agency transmission of documents.

- 4. Some of the difficulty and wastage encountered in the use of the chain envelopes has been caused by an error in preparing one lot of these envelopes. That stock used opened at one end rather than on the side as requisitioned. The narrow aperture at the end is the cause of tearing and wastage and causes difficulty in inserting or removing documents.
- 5. Chain envelopes accumulated in various offices are returned to the Mail Room as surplus. They are searched for documents and then re-issued. An average of four or five unclassified papers are found in surplus envelopes each week. On two occasions in the past ten months classified documents were found. Any such papers or documents are forwarded to addressee or if he cannot be determined they are returned to sender.
- 6. In the course of this investigation visits were made and interviews conducted in: Central Records Division; Mail Section, Central Records Division; Message Center, ORE; Message Center, Reference Center; Administrative Office, Inspection and Security and Executive Registry.
- 7. In the absence of any other means of documentary transmission as efficient, secure and economical as the chain envelope it is recommended that it be continued in use and that Administrative Officers throughout CIA be required to instruct personnel of their activities in

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proper handling and usage of chain envelopes. Further, that a rigid adherence to Administrative Instruction and CIA Security Regulations in this connection be required to the extent of imposing disciplinary measures where violations are flagrant and frequent. Mr concurs in this recommendation.

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FORM NO. 36-26 MAR 1947 STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • United States Government

TO : Executive for P & A

DATE: 18 June 1947

FROM : Chief, Finance Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Instruction

Attached hereto is a draft of a proposed CIG Memorandum entitled "Use of CIG Inter-Office Chain Envelope".

This instruction has been coordinated with and cleared by the offices and staff sections concerned. On the reverse side of the last page are the signatures of the officers who have concurred with the contents of this memorandum.

Please note that dates should be inserted in the spaces indicated in paragraphs 1 a and 1 b. The effective date in paragraph 1 a should be at least one week after the date of the memorandum. The date mentioned in paragraph 1 b should be three days prior to the effective date.

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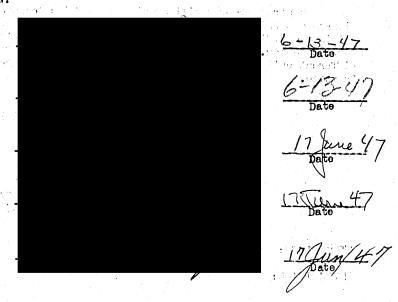
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TO: Executive for Personnel and Adminis- 13 May 1947

tration(Thru: Chief, Communications Division)

FROM: Chief, Central Records

SUBJ: Announcement of the Use of the CIG Inter-Office Envelopes and CIG Official Seals

- 1. On 21 November 1946 the Chief, Central Records was authorized to develop a system of inter-office envelopes to be used in the transmittal of classified and unclassified material within CIG. Since that time, the material necessary for the operation of such a system has gradually been accumulated so that it will be possible to put the system into operation.
- 2. It is requested that an official directive to CIG on this subject be issued. It is suggested that the directive be worded substantially as follows:

"SUBJECT: Use of CIG Inter-Office Envelopes and CIG Official Seals"

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- 7. The system will operate in the following manner: the envelope, the preparation of which has been described above, after being signed for by the messenger, will be delivered directly to the office of address if the office is in the same building as the dispatching office. If the office of address is in a different building, the material will be taken by the messenger to the central distributing point in the building. An enlisted courier, or whatever couriers are provided to replace enlisted couriers, will then pick up the material at the central distributing point, and deliver it to the central distributing point in the building of address. In the building of address the envelopes will be delivered by a messenger to the office of address, and the receipt will be accomplished. The receipt will then be returned to the central distributing point in the building where the office of dispatch is located and will be filed in the central distributing point.
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